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AMERICA TAKES BIGGER PART IN WAR ACTIVITIES.

U. S. Guns Wipe Out Foe's Batteries Which Made Big Gas Attack at Toul.

War developments today are of marked significance to America.

American artillery has wiped out German gas batteries which made a big attack near Toul, and Pershing's troops have repulsed an attack on the Aisne front.

An American balloon unit has reached the front in France. General Peyton C. March has arrived home from France.

Allied embassies and the U. S. Consul have left Petrograd. Inter-Allied plans are being made to prevent vast stores at Vladivostok, Siberia, from falling into the hands of the Germans. American troops probably take part in any military action.

Vladivostok, which is Russian for "Mistress of the East," and which may be occupied by the Japanese to save the great stores of munitions and supplies from possible German seizure, was founded in 1860. From 1865 to 1909 it was a free port. It has 120,000 inhabitants and is located on a bay, the Golden Horn, four miles long and two-thirds of a mile wide, a branch of the Amur estuary. The principal street, a fine thoroughfare, is the Svyetlanskaya. In the municipal gardens stands a monument to Admiral Uspenski, who discovered the Amur estuary in 1848. On the monument is a tablet on which Czar Nicholas I ordered inscribed: "Where once the Russian flag is unfurled, it must not be lowered."

A NEAR-LYNCHING.

Some One Attempted to Enter the Home of Mr. Ed Gooch.

Last Thursday night about 9 o'clock during the absence of Mr. Ed Gooch, who resides near Wilton, some one broke the glass and attempted to enter the house. Mrs. Gooch saw the man and screamed for help. The man fled to the woods. The neighborhood was thoroughly aroused and if the man had been caught there would have been a lynching.

Officer Hutchings from Oxford and an officer from Raleigh with bloodhounds, reached the scene about midnight and the dogs were put on the trail. The dogs followed the trail up the road a few hundred yards and lost it.

MAJ. MONTGOMERY WINS PRIZE

Leads the Rural Carriers in the Sale of War Savings Stamps.

At the beginning of the War Savings Stamp Campaign, Mr. B. K. Lassiter, chairman of the work in Granville county, offered a setson hat as a prize to the rural mail carrier of the county selling the largest number of war savings stamps and certificates during the month of December.

Major P. H. Montgomery, carrier on Oxford Route 2, won the prize. He sold during the three weeks in December \$2,143.66 worth of Thrift Stamps and certificates. Mr. R. W. Boyd carrier on Oxford Route 1, came in second best.

There is no pay attached to the sale of Thrift Stamps and certificates, but the government creates a friendly rivalry among rural mail carriers by crediting them with marks of distinction.

WAR-TIME RECIPES.

Mrs. J. D. Brooks Will Show Results of Experiments.

The Household Economics Department of the Woman's Club will have its last meeting of the club year Wednesday at 3:30 o'clock. Not only the members of the Department, but all women who are interested in war recipes are invited to be present in the Oxford Library where Mrs. J. D. Brooks will show the result of some of her war-time experiments. Let everyone who comes bring tablet and pencil for a number of desirable recipes will be given.

WILL TAKE A TRIP

Governor Bickett Appoints Col. H. G. Cooper For Important Mission.

Governor Bickett last week appointed eighty-five delegates from North Carolina to attend the sixth annual session of the United States Good Roads Association which will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, April 15-19. Col. Henry G. Cooper was named to represent Granville county.

MRS. Z. W. LYON DEAD.

Remains Laid to Rest in Elmwood Cemetery Monday Afternoon.

Mrs. Z. W. Lyon, a most estimable lady, died at her home on College street Sunday afternoon, in the sixty-fifth year of her age. This noble lady was highly esteemed and dearly beloved in this community. She was one of those good women that attended closely to her household and religious affairs.

Mrs. Lyon was sick only a few days, and it was thought on Sunday morning when breakfast was served in her sick chamber that she was improving, but death claimed her a few hours later and she passed quietly to rest.

Mrs. Lyon before marriage was Miss Fuller. Surviving members of the immediate family are: Her devoted husband, Mr. Z. W. Lyon; daughter, Miss Hettie, and son, Mr. F. F. Lyon. Deep sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

Funeral services, conducted by Dr. A. P. Tyer, her former pastor, assisted by Dr. R. H. Willis, were held from the home Monday afternoon. The interment followed at Elmwood Cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Active—Messrs. W. Z. Mitchell, A. A. Hicks, W. A. McFarland, B. S. Royster, W. H. Hunt, E. L. Smith. Honorary—T. W. Winston, Baldy Williams, Russell Rogers, S. R. Abernathy, R. W. Harris, T. Lanier, A. A. Chapman, Dr. T. L. Booth, I. N. Howard, F. B. Blalock, E. L. Parham, W. G. Pace, T. C. Harris, Oscar Breedlove.

The floral tribute was profuse and testified to the high esteem in which Mrs. Lyon was held in this community.

The drug stores of the city were closed through the funeral hour, as a mark of respect to Mrs. Lyon.

SLUMP IN EGGS COSTS SPECULATORS \$250,000.

(New York Special)

The slump in eggs has cost shippers and speculators \$250,000, according to P. Q. Foy, market price expert. The continued mild weather and improved transportation conditions, unlooked for by dealers is the cause. Wholesale egg prices have dropped from 63 to 35 and 36 cents a dozen. Small fortunes have been lost by individual speculators who bought eggs two or three weeks ago for delivery here. Great quantities of eggs shipped from Chicago are in the hands of express companies. Speculators refused to accept them on arrival because of the slump in prices. They will be sold by the carriers, and the loss borne by the shippers. In the last week 26,534,160 eggs arrived here.

AGED CASWELL COUNTY MAN COMMITTS SUICIDE.

William Cobb (72 Years Old, Broods Over the War and Hangs Himself.

After brooding over the war for four months and expressing the fear that the authorities would draft his only son for service, William Cobb, aged 72, a retired and well known farmer of Caswell county, living near Topnot, went out and hanged himself last week.

BROWNING SCHOOL.

In the Midst of a Thrifty Community.

There was a very enthusiastic Thrift Meeting at Browning School, February 22nd. Mr. E. C. Harris, one of the committee, was the speaker.

This school is in the midst of a community of about twenty families, and as a result of the meeting twenty two War Savings Stamps and seven Thrift Stamps were bought. KATE FERGUSON.

THE OXFORD LIQUOR MARKET.

Light Offerings of An Inferior Quality.

"The whiskey market in Oxford," remarked the deacon, "has taken a sudden decline during the past two weeks, dropping from \$20.00 a gallon to \$10 for corn whiskey, while there appears to be an abundance of "monkey rum, that is said to retail for \$6 per gallon."

Officers are keeping such close tab on traffic that but very little rye whiskey is smuggled into Oxford via the railroad route, and only in very small quantities.

Fine Horses and Mules.

Nelson & Watkins have just received another car load of fine horses and mules.

LADY CASHIER WANTED. Experienced, quick at figures, good penmanship. Horner Bros Company.

COMPLICATIONS IN EUROPE MULTIPLY—JAPAN TO GET INTO THE WORLD WAR.

Japan Has an Army of Two Million Men, Fully Equipped, Trained, Armed, Munitioned, Rationed and Ready to Take the Field—Austria is in a Sad Predicament.

For more than a year Japan has had an army of 2,000,000 men, fully equipped, trained, armed, munitioned, rationed and ready in an hour to take the field. Japan is now raising another army of 2,000,000 men.

What for? To be ready to protect her own interests in the East.

Japan is aware that Hindenburg and the Kaiser will listen to but one argument, the argument of power. Words are nothing, peace treaties are futile, and agreements worse than useless with Prussianism. She knows that the military caste at Berlin will bow to but one edict, which is the edict of force; will respect but one nation, and that the nation prepared to deliver a knockout blow if the agreements are broken.

PROPOSAL PENDING.

Japan has proposed to the Entente Governments and the United States that joint military operations be instituted in Siberia. There is said to be a feeling among the Japanese people that their country should take a more active part in the war.

Whatever their motive it is certain that Japanese opinion has been strongly stirred by the belief that Germany has added a Berlin-to-Tokio scheme to the Berlin-to-Bagdad program. Perhaps, too, there is present in the Japanese mind some notion of special advantages in Siberia after the war. At any rate the Mikado's army is being increased in readiness for eventualities.

At Vladivostok and along the line of the Siberian Railroad there are vast stores of supplies sent there for Russia before the Bolsheviks seized the Government. Political conditions in Siberia are upset and large numbers of German prisoners have been released in that territory. Adequate protection of the stores and of the general interests of the Allied nations is given as the purpose of the Japanese proposal.

If Japan feels that now is the time to get into the war, there is opportunity in another field of operation than Siberia, and in that field, the Near East, she could be more effective. The Japanese soldiers are among the best fighters in the world and no army is better officered. Japanese in Mesopotamia would help powerfully to disarrange the Kaiser's calculations in that region.

AUSTRIA'S PREDICAMENT.

or several months the German and Austro-Hungarian Governments have been at odds over the policy to be pursued toward Russia. This has not prevented Germany from carrying out her own policy, for Germany is law unto herself and assumes to be law unto all the members of the Central Alliance.

It is difficult with the available information to say how serious the disagreement really is. But evidence increases that Austria-Hungary, from Charles I down to the hungry, war-weary peasant, is tiring of thankless sacrifice and suffering in the interest of Prussian imperialism.

Already Germany is shaping the map of Europe in such a way that Austria-Hungary finds herself almost surrounded by Germany or German controlled territory. Pan-Germanism means no advantage to Austria-Hungary, but distinctly the contrary. And the war has ceased to be anything else, from Austria-Hungary's point of view, than Pan-Germanic. She has nothing to gain, but everything to lose, in fighting on for Prussian conquest and aggrandizement. She may yet decide that she will serve herself better by cutting loose from her ally.

Nominating Committee.

There will be a meeting of the Oxford's Woman's Club Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 in the rooms of the Oxford Library. A good attendance is most earnestly requested, as this is an important meeting. The election of a nominating committee will take place. Immediately following this meeting there will be a meeting of the Household Economics department.

Creedmoor Supply Company.

The Creedmoor Supply Company announce on the last page of this paper the arrival of a car load of fine horses and mules.

RED CROSS WORK.

Headquarters Moved.

The Red Cross work room will be moved this week from the Hall Building to the Carr Building recently occupied by the Oxford water Company.

Calling For Garments.

The Red Cross Headquarters are calling for many hospital garments and the Director of work urges the ladies of the town and County to give as much time in the work room as possible.

Miscellaneous Sale.

The Miscellaneous Sale held in front of the Court House last Saturday proved such a success that it has been decided to hold another such sale on Saturday the 9th inst. The proceeds of this sale, which amounted to \$120.00 is to be used for the purchase of wool and it is earnestly asked that those who have contributed for Saturday's sale either send them to the Court House early Saturday morning or notify the work room Friday and a wagon will call for same.

Acknowledgements.

The Granville County Chapter of Red Cross acknowledges the following donations:

Mt. Creek S. S.	\$10.10
Mrs. F. H. Daniel	1.00
Northside School	12.00
Gela Colored School	1.00
Mrs. Sallie A. Knott	5.00

New Members.

The Enon and Providence Auxiliaries have added the following new members:

Mrs. Harper Renn, Mr. E. C. Allen, Mrs. J. F. Hobgood, Miss Mary Willie Allen, Mr. Fred Daniel, Mr. J. M. Pruitt, Mr. R. T. Critcher, Mr. Lee Hobgood, Mr. Buxton Hobgood.

New Auxiliary.

An auxiliary of the Granville County Chapter of the American Red Cross was organized last Saturday at Bullock. The new organization starts off with 55 members.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OFFICER

A Bad Practice Obtains In Oxford.

Editor Public Ledger: Within the past three weeks over twenty dogs with tin cans tied to their tails have been running at top speed through the main streets of Oxford whelping for mercy. Citizens of the town, influential business men, have left their places of business and with bare heads stood in the middle of the street and witnessed these atrocities and laughed and clapped their hands.

Horses overloaded and with cruel drivers as their masters have been hit over the head with the butts of whips and compelled to bear their burdens even though it was taxing their very existence to move under the intense strain.

Oxford is progressive. No town in the state can boast of better conditions in many ways, but we are far, far behind on the vital question of cruelty to animals. A cruelty to animals officer should be appointed at once, whose duty it should be to see that no one, white or black, mistreats a dumb beast without having the strong arm of the law to deal with. There is a State law making it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, for illtreating dumb animals. Mr. Officer, will you enforce this law? If so, it is time to act. Will you do it? S. A. M.

THE GOVERNMENT ISSUES CALL FOR SKILLED AUTOMOBILE MEN

Twenty-Five Men From State to Be Induced Into Service at Once.

Local boards in the State were Saturday notified to at once accept volunteer registrants for induction into service of twenty-five men from North Carolina as its quota of a hurry call sent out by General Pershing for skilled automobile mechanics for service with the expeditionary forces in France. Those qualified physically and technically will be accepted until March 8.

The following message from the Provost Marshall General was sent out to the local boards:

"Call No. 35 for 25 general, engine and other special automobile mechanics or repairmen to be inducted for the Aviation Section Signal Corps and sent to Kellyfield, San Antonio, Texas. Only white men physically qualified for general military service may be inducted under the above call."

The Family Cow.

A full blooded registered cow will be on exhibition at the National Bank of Granville next Saturday. See the picture of this cow on the back page of this paper.

GOV. BICKETT WILL VISIT OXFORD DURING MARCH.

The Date of His Coming Will Be Announced Later.

A prominent citizen of Oxford last week, while traveling to another part of the State, met Governor Bickett on the train and the Governor let it be known that it is his intention to visit Oxford some time during the month of March and speak in the interest of the War Savings Stamps.

Governor Bickett promised to consult his itinerary as early as possible and name the date of his intended visit to Oxford.

The Governor will be received here by a delegation and escorted to the court house. The date will be announced later.

THE TOBACCO MARKET.

Will Close For the Season Friday, March 8th.

Tobacco sales on Oxford market have been light for the past ten days due to the small amount of tobacco left in the farmer's hands. Prices have stiffened up some recently, the advance during the past week averaging more than a dollar per hundred. The warehouse averages are now around \$35.

Preparations are being made for perhaps the largest crop of tobacco ever planted in Granville county. Time only can tell whether or not an increased acreage of tobacco is wise at this time. We know that there is a shortage of all food-stuffs and that all food products will sell high for at least two years after the war ends. Tobacco is also high and it may sell even higher next fall. The temptation to plant a big crop of the weed is great.

AT THE ORPHEUM.

Interesting Program Every Night and Matinee Friday and Saturday.

Tuesday—Vivian Martin in a heart interest drama of the outdoors.

Wednesday—Margery Wilson in a story of the great mountains and its life.

Thursday—Lina Cavallieri in the eternal conflict between the powers of good and evil, a sermon on life.

Friday—Pearl White in "The Fatal Ring"; "His Precious Life," and Hearst Pathe News.

Saturday—Helen Holmes in "The Lost Express"; "Son of a Gun," Sunshine comedy, with Billie Ritchie and Hearst-Pathe News.

THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY.

Patrolman Sanford's Section is the Best in the County.

People who frequently travel the National Highway state that the nine miles of road between Stem and the Durham county line is in better condition than any other section in the county. The section referred to is under the charge of Patrolman Sanford, who has worked night and day to bring it to a high state of preservation. There was not a single car stalled on his section during the recent thaw, when some of the other roads of the county were almost impassable. There was one long hill that caused Mr. Sanford much worry and trouble, but he finished soiling it last week and the highway is in tip top condition from Stem to Durham, say those who have recently passed over it.

AN OLD FRIEND GONE.

Col. John Murphy, the Well Known Hotel Man.

Many people in Granville county who knew Col. John Murphy, proprietor of Murphy's Hotel, Richmond, will regret to learn that he has passed through the "Valley of the Shadow." He died one week ago, leaving an estate valued at \$877,650, according to his will which was probated in the chancery court. The bulk of his estate goes to his widow, his grand-children. But there were numerous small gifts and bequests.

Congregational Meeting

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday, March 19th at the usual hour. There will be a congregational meeting at the close of the morning service for the purpose of calling a pastor. All members are urged to be present.

Musical at Bullock.

There will be a musical concert given by Mr. Hickam at Bullock High School, Friday night, March 8, at 7:30. Public invited Admission 15 and 20 cents.